

Express Mail Label No. EV 570 176 714 US**10/532157**Page 1 of 5Attorney Docket No. 5077-000234/NP**Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application
(English Language Declaration)**

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

ARTICLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, ARTICLE MANAGEMENT SERVER AND ARTICLE MANAGEMENT METHOD

the specification of which (check one)

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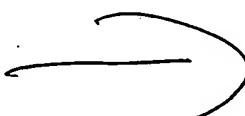
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